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Application of: Meissner et al.

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 26, 2001 (Paper No.17), Applicants hereby request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for a one month Extension of Time for response up to and including March 26, 2002, accompanied by the appropriate fee; (b) a Fee Transmittal sheet; (c) a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made; (d) a Terminal Disclaimer; and (e) Exhibit A.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 34 and 37 as follows:

D' 34. (Once Amended) The isolated protein of claim 24, wherein the amino acid sequence is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

37. (Once Amended) A protein produced by a method comprising:

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culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim 21; and

(b) recovering said protein produced by the method.